



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
52D FIGHTER WING (USAF)

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MEMORANDUM FOR 52 FW PERSONNEL

FROM: 52 FW/CC

SUBJECT: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information – HPCON-C

1. Per the Secretary of Defense's order for all Department of Defense Components to implement Health Protection Condition level CHARLIE (HPCON-C), effective immediately Spangdahlem Air Base is HPCON-C. Please be assured that our local situation remains constant at this time, but the Secretary of Defense made this decision to protect the entirety of the force worldwide covering the immense spectrum of local situations. I ask you to follow my guidance for HPCON-C measures below. I need your help to aggressively follow these in order to Protect the Saber Nation Family, Limit the Spread of COVID-19, and Preserve our Mission Capabilities.

- a. Avoid gatherings of two or more people, unless conducting mission essential tasks. Once the mission specific task is complete, reduce to two or less people immediately. Families and personnel residing in the same household are exempt from this restriction.
- b. Maintain physical-distancing, even if you aren't sick. Keep at least two meters (about 6 feet) between yourself and others and eliminate unnecessary visits to public areas. Spread out in work spaces to maintain this spacing. If specific mission essential tasks require personnel to converge within two meters, immediately separate after the task is complete.
- c. Conduct meetings virtually.
- d. Avoid physical contact, like handshakes, fist bumps, and elbow taps.
- e. Telework is encouraged. Commanders are encouraged to implement teleworking insofar as their mission allows.
- f. Commanders look for ways to physically separate teams of people for non-telework capable, essential missions.
- g. Vigorous hand-hygiene and increased cleaning frequency of common surfaces and frequent touch-points such as doorknobs, sink handles, conference room tables, and shared computers is essential.
- h. Monitor yourself and your family members for symptoms such as a fever of 100.4°F, cough, muscle aches, and joint pains. If you or your family become symptomatic, call the Public Health hotline at DSN 452-8308 or 06565618308 and notify your chain of command.
- i. Food establishments on base will remain open, but for "To-Go" food only.
- j. Money transactions will be cashless only (exception cash tips for commissary baggers).
- k. Non-essential services will close until further notice.
- l. Medical/Dental appointments are for acute, recurring, and deployment-related care. Contact the Appointment Hotline if there are any questions as to which appointments fit these criteria.
- m. Playgrounds are closed until further notice.
- n. Fitness Testing is cancelled.
- o. WAPS Testing is cancelled.
- p. Local leave still authorized.
- q. Base entry restricted to ID Card holders and official business. No visitors allowed on base.
- r. Follow host nation guidance when off base.

2. I ask for your help in mitigating the spread of this disease. Whether you are placed in self-isolation or are simply subject to the travel restrictions, attempt to limit your movement and interaction with other people to the maximum extent practical. Continue to respect, not fear COVID-19 and act accordingly in order to maintain this intent. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the 52 FW Front Office or the 52 MDG Public Health Office.

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